Reluctance to Join Parties by I.T. Officers

2032. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that junior and middle level income tax officials are reluctant to join the parties that go out on 'search and service' operations fearing violence during raids as reported in the 'Sunday Times' of 30th October, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) There have been some incidents of localised resistance to search and survey operations, leading to apprehension in the minds of officers undertaking these operations. However, the middle and junior level officers have not shown reluctance to join search and survey operations.

(c) Government is aware of the need to provide adequate security to the search and survey parties. The field officers have been instructed to take the help of Police and District Administration Authorities for security and safety of such officialis. The safety environment, however keeps changing with time and location and accordingly requisite measures are taken.

Increase of Service Charges by Banks in Madhya Pradesh

2033. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether all nationalised banks in Madhya Pradesh have raised service charges which were introduced in July this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the circumstances which compelled Government to raise service charges after a lapse of only three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (c) Nationalised Banks had not revised their service charges in Madhya Pradesh or anywhere in the country in July, 1994. However, nationalised banks, on the basis of benchmark schedule of service charges circulated by Indian Banks' Association, have revised their service charges for various services/products with effect from October/November, 1994.

Effect of Liberalisation Policy

2034. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the effect of libaralisation policy of the Union Government on income tax collections in the country including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the amount collected since liberalisation policy in the country and Madhya Pradesh against the target fixed; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to recover the arrears of income tax?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) The desired information is given below :—

(Rupees in Crores)

Year	Budget Estimates (All India)	Colln. of Income tax (including Corporation tax)	Target allocated for the CIT, Bhopal region (i.e. MP)	Collection of Income tax (including Corporation tax)
1992-93	15995	16787	306	276.43
1993-94	20000	19179	332	305.54
1994-95	23405	11522 (Up to Nov. 94)	395	165.97 (Up to Nov. 94)
		7484 (Up to Nov. 93)		140.07 (Up to Nov. 93)

The collection under Income Tax (including Corporation tax) in the country as well as in Madhya Pradesh has been going up. Thus, Madhya Pradesh along with the rest of the country has benefited from the liberal policy.